

REMARKS

Claims 21-28 and 32-36 are presented for consideration, with Claims 21, 27 and 28 being independent.

The independent claims have been amended to further distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited art. In addition, non-elected Claims 1-20 and 29-31 have been cancelled.

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward his representative during the personal interview of May 23, 2006, and the telephone interview of June 8, 2006. During both interviews, Applicant's invention as set forth in Claim 21 was discussed with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,151,131, to Pepin. No agreement as to patentability was reached.

Claims 21-28 and 32-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Pepin '131. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 of Applicant's invention relates to an apparatus comprising a remote information processing apparatus which can selectively send first data of a series of originals including at least both of a specific page including a command for causing a printer apparatus to perform a specific processing and a page where the command is not included and second data of a series of originals where the specific page is not included, a controller including an input unit adapted to input the data from the remote information processing apparatus, and a printer apparatus to print based on the input data. As claimed, the controller is adapted to cause the printer apparatus to perform a printing process of input originals data from the remote

information processing apparatus, and the controller causes the printer apparatus to perform the printing process of the data and to perform the specific processing, in case that the data input is the first data of the series of originals including at least both of the specific page including the command for causing the printer apparatus to perform the specific processing and the page where the command is not included. In addition, the controller causes the printer apparatus to perform the printing of the processed data, without executing the specific processing, in case that the data input is the second data of the series of originals where the specific page is not included.

As discussed with the Examiner, Claim 21 has been amended to include recitation of a remote information processing apparatus, a controller and a printer apparatus. In accordance with Applicant's claimed invention, an input unit of the controller receives input data from the remote information processing apparatus which can selectively send two different types of data: first data of a series of originals including at least both a specific page including a command for causing a printer apparatus to perform a specific processing and a page where the command is not included, and second data of a series of originals where the specific page is not included.

The patent to Pepin relates to a print system designed to include a deferred job assembly feature. In Pepin, a print controller is able to defer printing jobs by providing a mark, or place holder, so as to indicate where a currently unavailable image is to be placed in a stored job. In contrast to Applicant's claimed invention, however, Pepin fails to teach or suggest, among other features, providing a remote information processing apparatus capable of sending first and second types of data and a controller for processing such data as set forth in Applicant's

Claim 21. As will be appreciated, Claims 27 and 28 have been amended along the same lines as Claim 21.

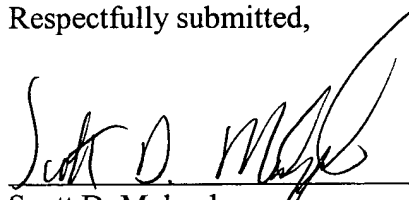
It is submitted, therefore, that Pepin fails to teach or suggest Applicant's invention as set forth in Applicant's independent Claims 21, 27 and 28. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claims 21, 27 and 28 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 22-26 and 32-36 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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